

Short News Stories From All Over Virginia

SAILOR WAS WELL-INFORMED.

Lynchburg Men Didn't Know Name of New Secretary of Navy.

Lynchburg, Va., March 18.—While several well-dressed young men were engaged in conversation early in front of a Main Street store, a sailor walked up, apparently "three sheets in the wind," and attracted the attention of the crowd by saying: "Patent medicine, gentlemen, but can any of you tell me who is Secretary of the Navy?"

His interrogations seemed to puzzle the crowd, and each one admitted that the sailor had the best of them. "You can't tell me then?" he inquired. "Well, that's nothin'. I've asked about a dozen men tonight the same question, and they all said they didn't know."

"Perhaps you can tell us," retorted one of the crowd.

"Sure I can," came the reply. "I'm patriotic; his name is Josephus Daniels."

With this he turned on his heels and walked away, leaving the young men rather abashed at their ignorance.

CHURCH USED FOR LAST TIME.

Congregation Next Sunday Will Worship in New Edifice.

Harrisonburg, Va., March 18.—Parsonage services were held Sunday in the old Methodist church building on West Market Street. Next Sunday the congregation will worship for the first time in the new \$40,000 church on South Main Street. Bishop Kilgo, of North Carolina, will conduct the first services. A. L. Taylor, an aged resident, who broke his leg last year, was wheeled to the church in a rolling chair by members of his class in order that he might be able to worship in the old house.

FIVE CANDIDATES IN RACE.

Question of New Postmaster Causing Warm Fight in Vinton.

Vinton, Va., March 18.—Citizens of Vinton say they are in the midst of the hottest fight for office which the town has experienced for years. The battle was brought about by the recent change in Federal administration, whereby Democrats who stood behind the ropes at the place for years now are permitted within the inclosure.

At present there are five candidates for the office. Of these, two are anxious that the question of choosing a mail dispenser be left to a vote of the citizens. Three others, one of whom is said to be a leader in the race so far, are not inclined to favor this plan.

S. Pollard, a magistrate at Vinton, is one of the minority aspirants, and is heartily in favor of pooling his chances with all corners and going before the people of the town and letting them decide who they want for postmaster.

It is said that the fight is getting warmer every day, and it is not impossible that a riot may be taken to the heels in some of the other towns in the State.

DECISION NOT YET READY.

Judge West Unable to Attend Princess Anne County Court.

Norfolk, Va., March 18.—The decision of Judge Jesse West, of Waverly, in the case of the Princess Anne County Court term convened.

Judge West said yesterday that owing to other engagements he will not be able to be present when the Princess Anne court term convenes.

"I cannot say definitely just what day I shall be able to attend court in Princess Anne," said Judge West. "However, I shall not be there any day this week. Some day during the term, beginning Monday, I shall attend the court for the purpose of handing down my decision, and will notify parties in interest in due time."

The greatest interest in this decision exists, not only in Princess Anne County, but in Norfolk City and surroundings. Ever since December, when the case was heard by Judge West, the question as to the outcome has been the subject of considerable debate. This is due largely to the fact that there can be no appeal from the findings, whatever they may be.

MARBLE ALTAR AS MEMORIAL.

Placed in Chapel of Woodberry Forest School.

Woodberry Forest, Va., March 18.—An Italian marble altar, recently completed in Italy and placed in the chapel of the Woodberry Forest School, and will be dedicated on Sunday morning, March 30. It was presented to the school by Mrs. John F. Bransford, of Augusta, Ga., as a memorial to her son, Alfred Bransford, who graduated from there in the class of 1911. The services will be most impressive and appropriate, and several prominent ministers will participate in them.

VIRGINIA BAPTIST ENCAMPMENT.

Meets at Virginia Beach From July 11 to 20, Inclusive.

Virginia Beach, Va., March 18.—The Virginia Baptist Encampment, which is held each summer at Virginia Beach, is to commence this year on Friday, July 11, and to continue over Sunday, July 20. It is generally accepted among the Baptists that the Chautauque and summer schools have done more to quicken the denomination work in the State than any other of the gatherings of the year. It is a time of methods.

A report of the year's progress will be given and a Chautauque and spiritual awakening will be combined. For the present outlook this will be the most largely attended of any of these gatherings. Last year every hotel and boarding-house was filled to overflowing, and some went to Norfolk for hotel accommodations and many rented tents and camped.

REPORT ON SCHOOL CHILDREN.

More Than Half Total Number in Norfolk Found Defective.

Norfolk, Va., March 18.—According to the semiannual report of the department of school hygiene, more than half of the public school children of Norfolk examined by the medical inspectors since the opening of the current session were physically defective. The report shows that out of a total of 2,418 examined, 1,245 had defects calculated to retard mental as well as physical development.

It is pointed out in the report that the 1,245 defective found by the inspectors had 7,728 defects, some children having two or three physical deficiencies, while others had but one. The defects noted cover every physical disorder of a chronic or permanent nature and also contagious diseases. The inspectors found 2,279 defects of the nose and throat, of which 31 were treated; 4,821 defects of the teeth, of which 1,021 were treated; 810 defective eyes, of which 229 were treated.

TO PAY OFF SCHOOL DEBT.

Women of Mathews Contribute from Their Poultry Yards.

Mathews, Va., March 18.—The women of the Civic League and patrons of the Mathews High School a short while ago started to raise a fund to help pay off the debt against the school building and to complete the building. They began by contributing from their poultry yards a hen each, some giving more and some giving the equivalent in money. The following have contributed: Mesdames D. D. Kirkpatrick, four hens; Taylor, three; G. S. Greener, two; E. M. Blake, two; Eddie Foster, one; L. S. Brewer, one; I. H. Huggins, one; William Dicks, one; R. Theo. Miller, one; Miss Leslie Fugh, one; Mrs. A. C. Winn, one; Mrs. G. S. Mar-chant, one; Mrs. E. Davis, one; Mrs. J. J. Burke, one; and Mrs. R. L. Sears, one. The hens received have been shipped and netted \$2.47, and the contributions in money totaled \$4.36, making a total of \$6.83, and as the old adage "that every little helps" is true, any one desiring to contribute, either a hen or money to this fund can do so by sending their donations to Mrs. E. M. Blake, president of the Civic League.

ELEVEN ARRESTED AS TAXI ROBBERS.

All Expected to Be So Deeply Incriminated That None Will Deny Guilt.

New York, March 18.—Seven of the eleven men gathered in police raids last night as suspected members of the band of taxicab robbers that carried out many bold hold-ups in the last six months, were identified or made confessions to-day. They were remanded for twenty-four hours on statements of detectives that all of the eleven would be so deeply incriminated by to-morrow that none would find it worth while to deny his guilt.

Chief among the confessions was Joseph Taylor, who, boasting that he was the band's leader, made statements that are expected to result in other arrests.

According to the police, Taylor told of a number of contemplated robberies. Two of these were of post-office substations. Several others were abandoned because of the presence of women clerks. Taylor explaining that his followers had no desire to risk shops where women were likely to be victims of an enforced shooting affray. Another prospective robbery was of a Fifth Avenue jeweler, where one man was to have smashed the show window with a brick, grab the valuables and escape in a taxicab. The crowd was "covered" by confederates, who planned flight in another car. This scheme was abandoned because the robbers feared women and children in the streets might be killed.

BISHOP KILGO AT BRISTOL.

Speaks in Behalf of Endowment Fund for Emory.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Bristol, Va., March 18.—Bishop John C. Kilgo, of the Methodist Episcopal Church, South, who is lending encouragement to the movement to raise \$75,000 for an endowment fund for Emory College at Emory, a historic school of the conference, spoke to a large audience in the Street Church here this afternoon. His per-or-discourse was strikingly applied to the cause of education and the needs of the conference school, from which have come so many of the prominent ministers and teachers of Holston Conference. It is proposed to raise the sum desired in order to make effective the current reports of his health.

HEALTH OF ALFONSO CAUSES ANXIETY.

Recent Visitors Struck by Haggard Appearance and Stooping Shoulders.

[Special Cable to The Times-Dispatch.] Madrid, March 18.—Despite the ostensible optimism of the royal physicians, it is generally known that the health of King Alfonso is causing the gravest anxiety in the capital, and the order issued to-day forbidding the taking of snapshots of the young King has been accepted as a confirmation of the current reports of his health.

It is feared that the lungs of King Alfonso are seriously affected. If this proves true, it will cause but little surprise, as the King's father died of tuberculosis, and it is believed that the son inherited a touch of the disease. Those who have seen King Alfonso recently have been struck by his haggard appearance and stooping shoulders.

PAYLOR GETS 18 MONTHS IN PRISON.

Given His Freedom Until End of Week Under Bond of \$5,000.

[Special to The Times-Dispatch.] Danville, Va., March 18.—William S. Paylor was to-day sentenced to eighteen months imprisonment in the State Penitentiary, in accordance with the compromise which was made between the former city treasurer, who confessed to embezzling \$25,434.85 of State funds, and the Commonwealth's attorney.

Paylor was not immediately taken into custody by the sheriff, as is usually done upon sentence being passed, but he was given his freedom until the end of the week under a \$5,000 bond. W. R. Purdum, his brother-in-law, and L. Taylor, his former deputy clerk, going security.

George English, a local liveryman, indicted by the grand jury for involuntary manslaughter, and sent to the Mayor for trial, was this afternoon convicted of common assault and sentenced to pay \$5 fine. English, early in February was selling a mule to John Williams, a negro. A discussion arose over the animal's age, and he was badly hurt for he picked himself up and walked to a tobacco warehouse, where his condition rapidly became critical, and he was hurried to hospital, where he died of concussion of the brain the following day.



Robert J. Duesbury,
Church Road, Va.



W. H. Drewry,
Ivor, Va.



Nina May Wheelhouse
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H. P. Winn,
Keswick, Va.

Warning To Candidates

The Biggest Vote Offer of the Contest ends Saturday night, March 22nd.

This is positively the best schedule of votes that will be made at any time during the whole Contest.

You are urged to secure every possible subscription now and secure the benefit of the Big Vote Offer.

Subscriptions sent in after March 22nd or later in the Contest will not count for as many votes as if they were sent in by Saturday night, March 22nd.

Get your subscriptions now and gain the Big Votes.

Subscriptions mailed at any time Saturday night, March 22nd will give you the benefit of the Big Vote Schedule.

The Contest Department will be open until 10 P. M., Saturday, March 22nd.

Be Sure to Heed This Warning

The Times-Dispatch

Contest Department

P. S.—Candidates who do not desire to win a prize are requested to notify the Contest Department, so that their names may be omitted from the printed list of contestants.



Mr. Joseph Guza, Jr.,
Matoax, Va.



Morgan Crafton,
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Walter Ochs says he's going to swing to Dutch Shoes.

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BANKS DEFRAUDED BY HAIR DEALERS

Father and Son, Charged With Giving Fraudulent Invoices, Are Fugitives.

New York, March 18.—Antonio Musica and his son, Phillip, dealers in human hair, with branches and connections all over the world, were indicted here to-day on the charge of defrauding J. and W. Seligman, bankers, out of thousands of dollars by fraudulent invoices. The transaction, District Attorney Whitman asserts, is but one of many through which the Musicas have defrauded twenty-two American and foreign banks out of approximately \$1,000,000.

Father and son, it is believed, have fled the city. Detectives to-day expressed the belief that they were bound for South America, and would be apprehended within twenty-four hours. Antonio Musica's daughters, Louise and Grace, also have disappeared.

On the Fabre Line pier here are 238 cases of human hair, consigned by the Musicas to merchants in Europe. This hair the Musicas claimed five days ago, was of the finest quality on the market. They billed it at top figures, and on the strength of these invoices, it is claimed, obtained from bankers advances covering the full value of the cases of at least a portion of the shipment. How much of the \$500,000 which this shipment is worth, according to their figures, was collected from bankers the district attorney has not determined.

The entire shipment, experts say, was worth about what it would cost to haul away.

The specific offense charged in the indictment is that the Musicas, through their corporation, the United States Hair Company, obtained on March 11 from the Seligmans \$16,793 to cover the value of nine cases of hair shipped to Marseilles.

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